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1. FOREIGN MINISTER CORTINA TOLD ME AFTERNOON MAY 22 THAT IN HIS MEETING WITH FRANCO YESTERDAY (LAST PARA REF-TEL), THERE HAD BEEN A DISCUSSION OF TOPICS WHICH FRANCO WOULD WISH TO COVER WITH THE PRESIDENT.

2. FRANCO WOULD WISH TO DEAL WITH THE BROAD RANGE OF US-SPANISH RELATIONS, INCLUDING US-SPANISH DEFENSE COOPERATION. ON THE LATTER, HE WOULD, OF COURSE, NOT GO INTO THE DETAILS OF THE NEGOTIATIONS, BUT WOULD DEAL WITH BROAD PRINCIPLES. FRANCO WOULD ALSO WISH TO COVER WITH THE PRESIDENT SPAIN'S ROLE IN THE EUROPEAN DEFENSE STRUCTURE IN LIGHT OF THE PRESIDENT'S DISCUSSIONS IN BRUSSELS AND THE SPANISH VIEW THAT NATO CAN NO LONGER TAKE FOR GRANTED SPAIN'S CONTRIBUTIONS TO WESTERN DEFENSE.

3. FRANCO WOULD ALSO LIKE TO HAVE AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON EUROPEAN DEVELOPMENTS, ON PORTUGAL AND ON THE MIDDLE EAST AND MEDITERRANEAN SITUATIONS.

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